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Photo by Staff Sgt. Molley A. Gilliam

Brig. Gen. David L. Moody, 57th Wing commander presents Mrs. Dana Geragosian, wife of the fallen 66th Rescue Squadron pilot, Capt. Michael Geragosian, with a Meritorious Service Medal at a ceremony held at the 66th RQS April 14.

Nellis fallen comrade remembered

By Tech. Sgt. Rich Covington
AWFC Public Affairs

More than 200 friends, family and members of Team Nellis came out for a ceremony April 14 to honor Capt. Michael D. Geragosian, who perished in an aircraft accident in December.

Brig. Gen. David Moody, 57th Wing commander, presented Capt. Geragosian's wife, Dana Geragosian, with her husband's posthumous Meritorious Service Medal and unveiled a memorial plaque to the Captain. The plaque, mounted next to a similar commemorative memorial that honors the 12 Nellis airmen that died in a crash in 1998, reads "Greater love hath no man than this that he lay down his life for his friend," John, 15:3.

Capt. Geragosian was not only re-

membered for making the ultimate sacrifice, but also for his tenacious work ethic.

"Sometimes Air Force processes are slow but with the right people pushing, improvements do happen," said General Moody. "Mike was one of those people. The systems he pushed for and argued for are coming to fruition. His actions are becoming reality. We are a much better prepared Air Force because of him."

Capt. Geragosian and two other Air Force members died as a result of injuries sustained when the C-130 Hercules transport aircraft in which they were flying was damaged while attempting to land at a Kuwaiti air base Dec. 10. Seventeen more Air Force members were injured in the incident. Eighty-six passengers and eight

crewmembers were aboard.

"The flight members, gathered around us, miss his involvement," General Moody said. "This squadron is missing a friend."

Capt. Geragosian was a member of the 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron before joining the 66th Rescue Squadron.

"We will never forget him," said Maj. Steven Estock, 422nd TES. "The helicopter community is small and he affected all of us."

Mrs. Geragosian also expressed a hope that people will never forget her husband. "I hope no one will forget those people that have given their lives, people like my husband who have made the ultimate sacrifice. It's with peoples' sacrifice that we can live the way we do."

Cohen: troops will not leave Saudi Arabia

By Mr. Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AFPN) — Contrary to news reports, U.S. troop levels in the area will not be reduced.

An April 9 story quotes an anonymous U.S. military official as saying that Defense Secretary William S. Cohen and Saudi Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan agreed to reduce troop levels at Prince Sultan Air Base.

"The story is complete hogwash," said Pentagon spokesman Mr. Ken Bacon. "We have no plans to reduce the number of airmen or planes at Prince Sultan Air Base, and the topic of reducing airmen in Saudi Arabia was not discussed tonight between Secretary Cohen and Prince Sultan. In fact, Prince Sultan expressed a strong desire for a continued U.S. presence in Saudi Arabia at current levels."

U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Mr. Wyche Fowler said there "has been no discussion what-

soever, at any level, about reduction of American soldiers." There are about 4,000 U.S. service members in Saudi Arabia.

During a news conference following meetings between the prince and Secretary Cohen, Sultan said the U.S. troops are in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under the U.N. framework to conduct operations over Southern Iraq.

"These troops are doing their duties to keep the peace only, not to be aggressors," Prince Sultan said. "Whatever is said more than that is not true."

Secretary Cohen and the prince said the discussions were fruitful. One part of the discussions centered on the Peninsula Shield forces of the six Gulf Cooperation Council members — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

All six GCC countries contribute to the force, but it is more a paper force than a real one. The forces only exercise together about once every two years. Prince Sultan suggested the

United States join with Peninsula Shield forces to achieve more multilateral exercises.

The prince also commented on U.S.-Iranian relations. He said Saudi Arabia called for peace, and he hoped Iran would respond "with what is in its security interests. All steps taken by the United States toward this goal are welcome," he said.

Secretary Cohen and the prince also discussed the Cooperative Defense Initiative, which seeks to tie the Gulf States, Egypt and Jordan into an early-warning network to track missile threats. He said the United States thinks the initiative is an important program for the gulf because of the threat of chemical and biological agents in the region.

"There is no particular sense of timing to this issue," Secretary Cohen said. "I have been talking about it for several years. We are talking about it because we have seen evidence that the spread of chemical and biological weapons continues."

Vehicle registration is not an option

What's the big deal with registering vehicles on base anyway? Why can't I just show my I.D. card every time I come on base? These are questions the Security Forces are asked often and here's the rational:

Registering vehicles on the installation is a safety and security issue. Displaying the Department of Defense decal allows Security Forces to quickly identify authorized vehicles and balance entry control with smooth traffic operations.

Unregistered vehicle are causing a traffic problem. Additionally, registering vehicles protects everyone by ensuring vehicles have state registration, carry the minimum level of insurance, and comply with state safety/emissions requirements. On Nellis, the installation commander has determined that permanent party military and civilian have three duty days after they sign in to register their vehicles on base.

To register an on base, personnel need to bring their current state registration, proof of insurance, and Nevada state emissions test results to their unit orderly rooms or Security Forces Pass and Registration. When renewing your registration, write down the three letters and three numbers off the Blue and White decal.

Motorcycle owners must register their motorcycles through the Security Forces Pass and Registration. All motorcycle operators must comply with the requirements of Air Force Instruction 91-207 prior to registering a motorcycle, which include a safety course and hands-on training and evaluation. Operators possessing a state motorcycle license endorsement that requires Motorcycle Safety Federation-approved training for such endorsement are not required to complete an additional safety course.

When you register your motorcycle, you need to bring your state registration, proof of insurance, and proof of motorcycle safety training. If you don't have the proper motorcycle safety training, contact the Safety Office and they will assist you in scheduling the course.

What happens to people who don't or won't register their vehicles? The penalty for failure to register normally ranges from a warning up to revocation of base driving privileges for those who refuse to comply.

Beginning May 7, the Security Forces will conduct an intensive check for compliance.

If you have any questions, call the Police Services NCO, Staff Sgt. Paul Beuchat at 652-3326 or Security Forces Pass and Registration at 652-2637.

Editors note: This information was compiled by the 99th Security Forces Squadron.

Nellis Salutes

Air Combat Command's Individual Services Award of the Year

Staff Sgt. Pamela D. Cook,
99th Services Squadron

Air Combat Command's Battle Manager Instructor of the Year

Capt. Lynn P. Peitz,
57th Wing



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New AWFC vice commander arrives

By 1st Lt. Allen Herritage
AWFC Public Affairs

The Air Warfare Center recently welcomed a new vice commander to its ever-changing team.

Col. Tim Hopper arrived two weeks ago from the Pentagon where he just completed a Joint Staff tour.

The California native and 1977 Air Force Academy graduate, is excited about the new assignment here at Nellis where he has spent many TDYs. "Hopefully, while I'm back at Nellis, I will use my experience to better our combat capability," said Col. Hopper.

Flying bombers is the foundation for Col. Hopper's considerable

amount of experience. He spent his first 10 years flying the B-52 Stratofortress.

From the B-52, he moved to the B-1 Lancer, where he was commander of the 34th Bomber Squadron, Ellsworth, S.D., but flying was not all the Air Force had in mind for Col. Hopper. He has also been a commander at the Air Force Academy, a nuclear war planner, an executive officer for the Strategic Air Command Chief of Staff and a student at the Air War College to name a few of his nonflying assignments.

Col. Hopper the bomber pilot doesn't feel a bit out of place at "the home of the fighter pilot." "There's a rich history here at Nellis. We've

made this the place to learn and practice how to employ airpower," he said. "The fighter, bomber, helicopter, and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle and much more are all brought together at Nellis to train to maximize our warfighting capability."

The Nellis range and its maintenance is another issue that has Col. Hopper's attention. "The Nellis range is our crown jewel," he said. "In order to do our job, we have to have the airspace and land to practice our employment tactics. To do this we have to have a complex such as the Nellis range--which we are very fortunate to have. It is our job to be good stewards of the environment and protect the range so that

we can continue to train as we fight," he said.

Col. Hopper is enthusiastic about the mission of Nellis and looks forward to the job ahead.

"I appreciate the warm welcome I've received from everyone," said Col. Hopper. "I'm looking forward to working with the great people that make up Team Nellis and the Air Warfare Center."



Photo by 1st Lt. Allen Herritage

Col. Tim Hopper, Air Warfare Center vice commander.

99th Logistics Professional of the Year

By Master Sgt. Randy Cummins
99th Contracting Squadron

Senior Airman Laning L. Davis, 99th Contracting Squadron, was named the 99th Logistics Professional of the Year. This award recognizes the single individual who best demonstrates through deeds and accomplishments and the overall qualities of a true logistics professional.

"Leo is truly the best of the best," said Lt. Col. Allan J. Palombo, 99th Contracting Squadron commander.

Because of his eagerness to learn and ability to think outside the box, Airman Davis was handpicked for the Simplified Acquisition Base Engineering Requirements team. Once on this team, he demonstrated his eagerness and ability when he awarded \$1.2 million in SABER task orders after the departure of several key personnel from the team.

As a community volunteer, Airman Davis organized and supervised a team of 20 for the 1999 Special Olympics bowling event at the Show Boat Casino. He also repainted houses for the elderly during Nellis' participation in the "Christmas in April" program in 1999, and took part in the Relay for Life American Cancer Walk to help raise money for cancer research.



Photo by Airman Ashley Center

Left, Col. Andrew S. Dichter, 99th Air Base Wing commander presents Senior Airman Laning L. Davis, 99th Contracting Squadron with his trophy.

With a 3.75 grade point average, Airman Davis is less than 20 credits away from receiving a Bachelor's degree in business management.

Airman Davis also led his squadron to its fifth consecutive Commander's Wellness Cup Competition win in 1999. He will also represent the squadron at this year's Air Combat Command Top Dollar competition.

STRAIGHT TALK MESSAGE

On the evening of April 12, Mr. Carl Censke Jr. director of outdoor recreation, was arrested by Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department for the following charges:

- > Three counts of gross lewdness
- > One count of coercion with a deadly weapon
- > One count of sexual assault on a victim under the age of 16

Mr. Censke has been assigned to Nellis for approximately two years. He worked in the Nellis Community Center from approximately January of 1998 to July 1999. He was then deployed to Kuwait from July to October of. He assumed his current position of Director of Outdoor Recreation in October.

If you have any questions regarding these allegations, please call Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Public Information at 229-3394. If you have any information about this case, please call AFOSI Detachment 206 at 652-9058.

Information Security issues addressed during the month of April

During April, the 99th Communications Squadron Information Assurance office is working on a Secretary of the Air Force Inspector General self-inspection checklist that places special emphasis on compliance with Air Force Information Assurance directives.

Information Assurance issues continue to grow in importance as our nation becomes increasingly dependent upon information systems for critical mission and business processes. Nellis' Information Assurance procedures were inspected during January's Joint Nuclear Surety Inspection.

In keeping with Nellis' tradition of excellence, we rated best in the command. But we still must

strive to hit our 100 percent target because with 99 percent, the remaining one percent can open a window of opportunity for an individual or group to disrupt Air Force network operations.

To minimize this possibility, the IA office is teaming with Nellis units to verify Security Awareness Training and Education, accreditation and certification documentation, network architecture, and most importantly Air Force certification compliance. The AFCERT compliance process is not automated for most base users, and sometimes presents technical challenges that are hard to overcome. To deal with these challenges the Nellis NCC is working with ACC functional representatives to install and deploy automated

tools that will simplify the AFCERT compliance process for all computer users. Some of these tools should be operational by the end of May.

IA requests base cooperation with self-inspection tasks in support of this SII. The IA office, work group managers, and system administrators are working hard to assist the front line of defense, the network user, with this critical responsibility. "Each of you is the senior Information Assurance officer in your wing - much like you are the senior Flight Safety officer and Force Protection officer," said Gen. John Jumper, ACC commander.

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Action Line

commander.action@nellis.af.mil

652-4636



Col. Andrew Dichter
99th Air Base Wing

Nellis' Action Line is your direct line to the 99th Air Base Wing commander, Col. Andrew Dichter. If you have worked through normal channels and are not satisfied with the answer, the Action Line is your opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions about the subjects of concern to the Nellis community.

Please leave your name and phone number in case more specific information is required. You may also use our e-mail address: commander.action@nellis.af.mil. Action Lines of general interest will be published in the Bullseye; others will be answered by phone. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the office that is responsible. This gives them a chance to help you and perhaps improve the process.

Helpful phone numbers

BX Customer Service - 644-2044

Commissary - 643-7919

Child Development Center I - 652-4241

Child Development Center II - 652-5885

Finance (mil-pay) - 652-4844

Fitness Center - 652-6433

Hospital Appointment Desk - 653-2778

Hospital Information Desk - 653-2222

Legal Office - 652-4213

Mountain View Dining Facility - 652-4764

Public Affairs - 652-2750

Safety - 652-7604

Security Forces - 652-2311

Tax office questions about e-filing



I wanted to know the policy at the Tax Center here on base. I recently went over to the Tax Center to have my tax return that had been prepared by someone else electronically filed. This place did not electronically file it is because they did not have the capability to do that. I took a completed return over to the Tax Center and asked them to electronically file it and they refused to do it because it had not been prepared in that office. And I would like to know what the base policy is on this.



Occasionally, a customer asks to have a professionally prepared return filed electronically by the Nellis Tax Center. Unfortunately, Air Force policy forbids us to do this, for several reasons.

Most importantly, when information is presented on a form not prepared by the filer, Tax Center volunteers have no way of verifying the information on

the form. This could result in the electronic filing of incorrect information, which could subject both the taxpayer and the Tax Center to liability and to IRS enforcement action.

In addition, by electronically filing another preparer's return, the Tax Center runs the risk of interfering with the relationship the taxpayer has with a professional preparer. To protect the interests of both our customers and the professional tax preparers they consult, the Tax Center must refuse to electronically file professionally prepared returns.

To avoid complications, we advise customers either to make electronic filing arrangements with any professional preparer they might use or to provide their information directly to the Tax Center, allowing volunteer tax preparers to verify their financial information and complete the appropriate returns.

As I've expressed in the past, I'd like to thank the volunteers at the Nellis Tax Center for their outstanding service to Team Nellis.

If you have any questions or need further information, call 652-2645.



Buckle up. It saves lives.

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and Drive!
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Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class Autumn Fetzer



Unit: 57th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Duty Title: Munitions Systems Apprentice

Hometown: Shinglehouse, Pa.

Time in Air Force: Three years

Time at Nellis: Two months

Hobbies: Reading, running

Goals: To be one of the first women ammo chiefs.

Most significant Air Force memory: The day the air war over Kosovo ended. Because I knew the hard work my unit accomplished was put to good use.



Photo by Airmam Ashley Center



Senior enlisted volunteer to teach junior NCOs

By Staff Sgt. Jim Bryant
99th Communication Squadron

The Nellis top three senior noncommissioned officers' organization, or Top 3, have developed the NCO professional development course to help sharpen the skills of young supervisors.

This informal, one-week course began a year ago and is taught by representatives of the Top 3. It is designed specifically for staff sergeants who have not attended a professional military education program in the past five years.

"Our Nellis staff sergeants are charged with the tremendous responsibility of being first-line supervisors," said Chief Master Sgt. Ken Passno, NCO professional development course curator. "However, in many cases they haven't been exposed to PME for five years or more. To help fill this void, the

Nellis' Top 3 created the NCOPDC. The results I've seen so far are astounding," said Chief Passno.

The course is designed to motivate students to become better supervisors. Volunteers from Nellis' Top-3 teach the classes and focus on the role of the NCO, lead-

ership, mentoring young airman, discipline and counseling. Also covered are the enlisted evaluation system, written and oral communication skills and Air Force core values.

"If I can make one person a better supervisor, and maybe reduce the

speed bumps in a few careers, then I am happy," said Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Whalen, a Top 3 member with the 99th Medical Group.

"Not only do these staff sergeants return to their work place reenergized, they learn some skills and tricks of the trade, from the experience of fellow students. They are also able to network with the other Nellis units."

The students leave the class with a renewed sense of commitment to the Air Force and a willingness to lead.

"Everyone in this class has learned something," said class graduate Staff Sgt. Josh Ferry, 99th Security Forces Ground Combat Training Flight. "A lot of this material is just a refresher, but in many cases, we are able to broaden our horizons and look at different problems in a new light. This new perspective is taken back to the work place where it rubs off on peers and subordinates."

NCO Professional Development Seminar

DOD to ban smoking at all recreational facilities

By Ms. Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Defense Department is expanding its smoking ban to include clubs, bowling centers and other morale, welfare and recreation facilities.

"We want to provide smoke-free facilities across the Department of Defense," said Sherri Goodman, deputy undersecretary of defense for environmental security. "We started with the workplace, and now we've expanded to cover our morale, welfare, and recreational facilities as well," she said during an interview here April 12.

"We want to make sure that people who are using any DOD facilities have an opportunity to do so in a smoke-free environment," Goodman said. She added that smoking is already prohibited in DOD facilities for children.

An estimated 34 percent of the nation's 1.4 million service members smoke, according to DOD officials. The Department banned smoking in all workplaces in 1994; DOD excluded living and recreation areas, however.

By December 2002, all DOD facilities will be smoke-free, Goodman said. Smoking will only be allowed in designated, separately ventilated smoking areas. DOD officials are providing a three-year phase-in period to give the facilities adequate time to make those changes.

"Some in the military departments were ready to do it even sooner," she said. "Many installations are already moving to provide

separately ventilated smoking areas."

DOD wants "to do the right thing," Goodman stressed. "We want to make sure we protect our people, maintain readiness and provide a healthy environment."

Smoking and secondhand smoke, she noted, pose serious health risks and present considerable health costs to the military. "We would like people to stop smoking," she said. "We go to great lengths to protect the health and safety of our military, and this is certainly one aspect of it."

"I think now families will feel free to bring their children, for example, into all MWR facilities, whether it's a bowling (center) or a club, and know that there

will be a place that will be smoke-free for their family members," she said. "I believe that is very important because our MWR facilities should be available to all military families."

In 1997, President Bill Clinton banned smoking in all interior space owned, rented or leased by the federal executive branch in 1997. Smoking is only allowed in designated areas that have special ventilation and

smoke-containment features.

In December, under the provisions of the president's executive order, Defense Secretary William S. Cohen approved "a limited and narrow" exception to allow a three-year phase-in period for certain MWR facilities. A DOD Instruction on the policy exception is due to reach the field this summer.

Since many MWR facilities are not equipped with the special features neces-

sary, he said, an immediate ban "would negatively effect service members' morale at a time when we are asking them to bear historically high operations tempo levels."

Installation commanders are to determine which facilities should receive

the benefit of the phase-in period. In the meantime, however, those facilities must maintain separate smoking and nonsmoking areas.

"Although nonsmoking is our strong policy preference, it is important for our MWR activities to be seen as available and accommodating for all service members, including those who smoke," Cohen stated in a policy letter dated Dec. 7, 1999.





Army’s first Medal of Honor winner in Vietnam visits Nellis

By Tech. Sgt. Charles Ramey
AWFC Public Affairs

During five excruciating hours, in an inferno of a desperate night battle, Captain Donlon and his men held off a reinforced battalion of Viet Cong. It was the first time that regular North Vietnamese Army forces joined the Viet Cong in a attempt to overrun an American outpost.

This excerpt is from a summary detailing a battle Army Capt. Roger H.C. Donlon and his 12-man special forces team fought on July 6, 1964, successfully defending a small American outpost at Camp Nam Dong, Republic of Vietnam. As a result, Captain Donlon became the first American soldier of the Vietnam War to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

Now a retired colonel, the Medal of Honor recipient was at Nellis April 11 signing copies of his book “Beyond Nam Dong,” and speaking with veterans at the base exchange.

“The theme of my book is teamwork and the values of faith, family, freedom as seen through my eyes,” Col. Donlon said. “I wrote the book at the urging of several high school students who wrote me. They wanted to learn the truth about Vietnam from someone who was there, not from a teacher or from Hollywood. I said if I don’t write the book, who is going to do it for those who were left behind or on behalf of those I served with?”



Photo by Staff Sgt. Molley A. Gilliam

Army Col. (Ret.) Roger H.C. Donlon autographs a copy of his book, “Beyond Nam Dong” at the April 11 book signing here.

In addition, the book also covers Col. Donlon’s return to Vietnam 20 years after Nam Dong and how he and a team of his former adversaries worked together toward reconciliation.

“I’ve gone back to Vietnam and worked several projects with our former adversaries. In fact, the proceeds from my book go to the Westmoreland Scholar Foundation,” Col.

Donlon said. “The foundation fosters reconciliation between us and the people of Vietnam. The money is used to grant academic scholarships to the sons, daughters and grandchildren of veterans in Vietnam and funds exchange programs. In the last year, we’ve raised \$60,000.”

The theme of my book is teamwork and the value of faith, family and freedom as seen through my eyes.

**Army Col. (Ret.) Roger H.C. Donlon
Author of “Beyond Nam Dong”**

Col. Donlon said he also enjoyed being at Nellis.

“It’s great being here during a big exercise and I’m really proud to see all the smiling faces,” Col. Donlon, who was once a wannabe pilot, said. “I originally enlisted in the Air Force and was on my way to be a member of the Air Force Academy’s first class, but during a physical they thought I had a cataract and disqualified me. It was one of the biggest disappointments of my life.”





‘Look sharp’ to win this award

By Senior Master Sgt. Ron Byrd
99th MSS

In the past when Nellis Top-3 identified individuals who displayed outstanding dress and appearance a Top-3 member would get the individuals’ name and unit and would send their commanders a letter and certificate for presentation.

The Top-3 will continue that tradition, but will add the prestige and satisfaction of giving an award on the spot, the new Nellis Top-3 Look Sharp Coin.



This coveted coin signifies that the recipient displays only the highest standards of dress and appearance, they are the model by which others should gauge their appearance.

If you are awarded a Look Sharp Coin, you will know that you are among the select few outstanding Team Nellis members recognized each month.

The Nellis Top-3 are everywhere, watching for those few sharp individuals who will be recognized for dress and appearance. Will you be one?

Nellis Newborns



March 19
Master Sgt. Steven and Fatma Herb,
daughter, Yasmin, 6 lbs 13 oz.

The 99th Security Forces Investigation has a lost and found section with many items found around the Nellis community. If you can identify your lost items, call 652-8091.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Mark Kuhta

11th RS deploys

Members of the 11th Reconnaissance Squadron prepare to deploy to Tuzla Air Base, Bosnia recently. A C-5B Galaxy assigned to 349th Reserve Unit, Travis Air Force Base, Calif., provided the 'taxi'.



Test your knowledge: Reducing the risk of SIDS

By Capt Linda Hagemann
99th Medical Group

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, also referred to as crib death, is the *unexplained* death of an infant under the age of one. All possible causes have been carefully ruled out through autopsy, death scene investigation, and review of medical history. Many caregivers feel guilt over the loss. However, it is important to avoid blame, as the cause of SIDS remains unknown.

Although there is the fear of choking while positioned on the back, there is no data to substantiate such fears. Since the new recommendations by the American Academy of Pediatrics in 1996 for all healthy infants to be positioned on their backs while sleeping, the rate of choking has not increased.

Some babies may be partial to a particular sleeping position at first, but will get used to a back position. An on-the-stomach or prone position can narrow a baby's airway and has been found to have a 3 to 9 times greater risk for SIDS than babies who sleep in an on-the-back or supine position.

Babies and young children who are exposed to the smoke from cigarette, cigar,

or pipe experience more colds and increased risk for SIDS. Protect your baby from this exposure by establishing a smoke-free zone.

Keeping your baby warm is important, but keeping your baby too warm can also increase the risk for SIDS. Maintaining the home temperature at a comfortable level to you is a good rule of thumb for your baby.

Always place your baby on a firm sleeping surface. A baby placed on the stomach position on soft surfaces or near soft surfaces where they can roll onto has been found to increase risk for SIDS. The baby's nose and mouth may sink into the surface, allowing the infant to breathe only from a small pocket of stale air. Surfaces to avoid include waterbeds, sheepskin, soft or bean-filled pillows or toys, comforters or soft, fluffy blankets.

There are always exceptions to every rule. The AAP recommends a stomach position for babies who are premature, babies with complications of stomach or esophageal reflux, or those born with birth defects that interfere with breathing. But keep

in mind once premature babies come home from the hospital, they are probably ready to sleep on their backs unless otherwise advised.

There seem to be no predictors for those infants who die from SIDS. Most SIDS victims appear healthy prior to their death. Even more disconcerting is that SIDS does not seem to be preventable. Fortunately, studies are beginning to isolate several risk factors which may play a role in contributing to SIDS i.e., prone position while sleeping, smoke exposure, temperatures that are too warm, or sleeping on or near soft surfaces.

In a side-lying position, an infant still runs the risk of rolling onto the stomach and this isn't a recommended sleeping position.

There are times when placing your baby on the stomach are fine. Close supervision during "tummy time" helps your baby to strengthen neck, back and limb muscles necessary to begin crawling. Also variations in positions can prevent any flattening of the back of the head.

For more information, call the Pediatric Clinic, 653-2360.

How much do you know about Sudden Infant Death Syndrome? Here is a quiz to test your knowledge.

1. SIDS has been linked to cases of abuse.
True False
2. If your baby sleeps on his back, there is an increased chance of choking.
True False
3. It is acceptable to position my baby on the stomach to sleep better.
True False
4. Smoking can affect my baby's breathing.
True False
5. Place plenty of blankets on your baby to prevent your baby from getting too cold.
True False
6. Soft materials in the crib as stuffed toys, comforters or mattresses should be avoided.
True False
7. If your baby is premature, maintain a stomach position for sleeping.
True False
8. SIDS occurs in infants who have been sick.
True False
9. Side-lying is another accepted sleep position.
True False
10. A stomach position is acceptable during awake time.
True False

Answers: 1) F; 2) F; 3) F; 4) T; 5) F; 6) T; 7) F; 8) F; 9) F; 10) T



Unless otherwise indicated, all show times are at 7 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 1 p.m. Call 652-5020 for more information.

Today

Down to You (PG-13)

Freddie Prince Jr., Julia Stiles

Down to you is the romantic and comedic tale of Al Connelly and Imogene, a young couple whose passionate romance takes them for a ride down the all-too-powerful path of first love. Set against the chaotic and hilarious backdrop of college lifestyle in New York City, their story brings to light the ever-present conflict between true love and the temptation to wander astray from commitment. When mischievous friends enter the scene, Al and Imogene are confronted with obstacles that add to the highlights and pitfalls of their love affair. Ultimately, their journey allows them to face the future, with some unexpected results.

Mature thematic material, sexual content, language, drug and alcohol use.

Saturday-Sunday

Reindeer Games (R)

Ben Affleck, Charlize Theron

Rudy is a petty car thief, released from prison just in time for Christmas. He cashes in on a case of mistaken identity in hopes of romancing Ashley. But her sinister truck-driving brother and his dubious companions pressure Rudy into heisting a casino, assuming he's a different, more accomplished crook.

Strong violence, language and sexuality.

Monday

3 Strikes (R)

Brian Hooks, N'Bushe Wright

On Rob's first day out of prison good luck is on lock down just like it was in L. A. County Jail. Released after serving time for his second legal infraction, Rob's first taste of freedom becomes a sour one when he becomes an unwitting accomplice in a car theft and a shoot out with the LAPD. Another conviction spells a 25 year to life sentence. He must avoid his third strike at any cost.

Pervasive language, strong sexual content, some drug use and a brief scene of violence.



Preparations for the Special Olympics Nevada underway

By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz
AWFC Public Affairs

The Nevada Chapter of the Special Olympics is teaming up with Nellis to prepare for next month's Special Olympic games. Expecting over 1,500 spectators and 500 participants, the committee is currently organizing facilities use, volunteers, transportation, event functions and coordinating celebrity appearances.

Development Director, Sheryl Parks, explained that the non-profit organization provides a year-round program of sports training and athletic competition for mentally challenged children and adults. "More than one million athletes worldwide participate through local chapters in 150 countries. Across the United States, about 25,000 communities have Special Olympics programs including at least one in every state," she said.

"The organizers are looking at all the available locations on base to house the events that are going to happen," said 2nd Lt. Jarrod Smith, 99th Supply Squadron and leader of Nellis' Special Olympics committee. "The Nellis committee is making sure that each event is convenient for both spectators and athletes."

Colonel Andrew S. Dichter, 99th Air Base Wing commander, approved the request to host the Olympics at Nellis saying, "The Special Olympics is an extraordinarily worthwhile event and Nellis AFB is fortunate enough to have splendid facilities capable of not only handling such an event, but doing so in a world-class manner. There are few events that are so worthwhile to support,"

according to Senior Master Sgt. Walter Lipscomb, 99th Civil Engineer Squadron.

"The Special Olympics hasn't been held in Nevada since 1995 and thanks to Nellis' support, this wonderful event will again take place in Nevada," Sgt. Lipscomb said. "Having the traditional lighting of the torch, and opening and closing ceremonies with entertainment, the committee wants to recreate the same feeling of the International Olympics." In addition, hundreds of Nellis members will be volunteering their talents to make this event a reality.

Currently all parties are making sure the entertainment, special events and accessibility from one event to the other runs smoothly and efficiently. Nellis is opening its arms by providing a film crew to document and giving participants a CD-Rom of the event. Shuttle bus access will also be provided.

The use of all athletic areas will be opened to the athletes including the track, pool, basketball courts and softball fields. The Thunderbird Hangar will hold the opening ceremony and the Officer's Club will be used for the closing award's ceremony.

"We are currently organizing the opening ceremonies and should have a prestigious list of guest celebrities attending." 1st Lt. Shirley Mercier, 99th Operational Support Squadron said. Local lawmakers, with local television and radio personalities will also be participating.

The event kicks off May 19 and will run through May 21. "Let's not forget the purpose of the event, is seeing all the great athletes excel," said Lt. Mercier, "that is the best feeling."

The Special Olympics Nevada committee needs 500 to 700 volunteers for event activities.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Set-up Crew

Escorts

Emergency Medical Technician

Tear-Down Crew

If you have an interest in volunteering, contact your squadron's point of contact or first sergeant to sign up.





Creating customer satisfaction

The goal of the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital is to create a climate and culture where customer focus and exceptional service permeate the organization. In order to create a customer-focused, hassle-free environment, we need feedback. Please take the time to complete a Customer Comment Card located in all clinics, support services, and inpatient units to let us know what we did well, and what needs improvement.

Another way to provide feedback to us is through a random survey conducted by the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs. If randomly selected to participate, please complete the survey and mail it in. Through honest and timely feedback from our customers, we can improve our services.

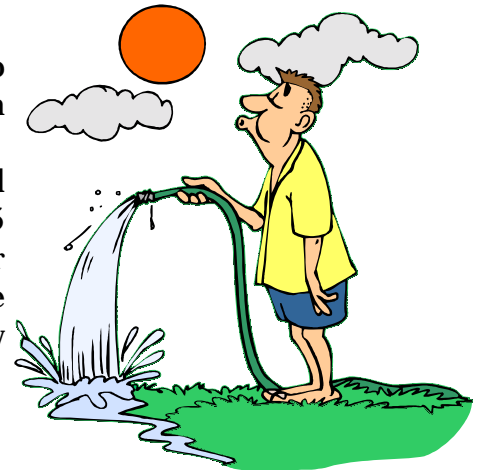
If a problem occurs while in the facility, please contact the Customer Satisfaction Representative assigned to the area of concern. The representatives are clearly posted in each area and can provide immediate assistance. If the Customer Satisfaction Representative is unable to resolve problems, please notify the facility Customer Satisfaction Representative, Staff Sgt. Foster at 653-2201.

Summer Housing Watering Policy

Water the lawns at even numbered houses on even days and odd numbered houses on odd days of the month. Everyone may water on the 31st. Watering times are 6 to 10 a.m. and 8 to 12 p.m.

Established yards are to be watered no longer than 15 minutes each day.

New yards maybe watered everyday for 2 months for 15 minutes. If it is not your designated watering time you may water the new lawn by hand only.





Youth takes Nevada State Gymnastics Championship

By Master Sgt. Tom Tagg
820TH RED HORSE

Jonathan Kofford, son of Tech. Sgt. Gary Kofford, 820th RED HORSE Squadron, and Julie Kofford, captured seven gold medals placing first in all six events and all around at the Nevada State Gymnastics Championship for his age and class March 12.

Sixty-one athletes in seven different classes and age groups from eight schools competed



Photos by Master Sgt. Tom Tagg

Jonathan Kofford, seven time gold medalist, performs on the rings during the Nevada State Gymnastics Championship March 12.



Jonathan Kofford doing a routine on the parallel bars during state competition.

in the championship events.

Jonathan's scores were 8.3 for parallel bars, 8.5 for the high bar, 8.5 for floor routine, 8.6 for pommel horse, 8.7 for rings and a 9.1 for vault. He earned an overall score of 51.7.

His team, the Las Vegas Flyers, won 1st place in the team championship for class five by only 35 hundredths of a point over rivals from Olympic Gold Medallist Vitaly Scherbo's School of Gymnastics.

"Jonathan has really improved since coming here to Flyers," said Mr. Shane Koboski, Jonathan's coach.

"I expect he will continue to have great success in the future as Jonathan aims high and works

hard," he continued.

Jonathan's mom said she is extremely proud and happy for Jonathan.

"He didn't expect to do so well in the state competition and now he's headed for the regionals," she said.

I expect he will continue to have great success in the future as Jonathan aims high and works hard.

**Mr. Shane Koboski
Gymnastic coach**

Jonathan, a 7th grader at Fremont Middle School, has his sights set on being an Olympic Team Member some day.

He has been competing in gymnastic events for years.

He said his short-term goals include medalling at the Regional Meet at Bakersfield, Calif., in April and just hanging out with his friends.

Jonathan said his favorite event is the high bar because "it takes a lot of work to learn it, but it's really fun when you can finally do it."

Sgt Kofford, a was unable to attend the competition because he was deployed to Cap Haitien, Haiti, in support of Joint Task Force Creole.



Photo by Mr. Tony Tayler

Frank Lowery, 99th Medical Group, received first place with a time of 22 minutes and 8 seconds during Corporate Challenge's 9 mile bike race.

The annual mini olympic Corporate Challenge competition continues through May 1. Participants will compete in 30 different sporting events against other corporations.

Corporate Challenge



Photo by Mr. John Broussard

Housing Residents Spring Cleaning



Trash and debris has been blowing throughout the housing areas. All trash, and grass clippings must be placed in bags and tied before placing them in provided mobile totes.

Please ensure recycle items are also placed in proper bins.

By working together and picking up trash, residents can solve the debris problem and keep the housing area clean.

Help solve a crime

The 99th Security Forces Investigation section has a "Secret Witness" Hotline. Nellis community members can call with information about a crime. Callers may remain anonymous. The number is 652-8089.



DRUG RECALLS

The pharmacy has received notification of drug recalls for oral and nasal inhalers. The inhaler may or may not contain an active drug. No action is required if you are having good results with your current product. **The recall involves only the products and lot numbers listed below:**

Albuterol metered dose oral inhalers manufactured by Warrick Pharmaceuticals

Lot numbers: 7-BBS-303 through 7-BBS-642, 8-BBS-500 through 8-BBS-826 and

9-BBS-500 through 9-BBS-832.

Vanceril 42mcg metered dose oral inhaler manufactured by Schering/Key

Lot numbers: 8-AMA-208 through 8-AMA-703, 9-AMA-200 through 9-AMA-404

Vanceril 84 mcg metered dose oral inhaler manufactured by Schering/Key

Lot numbers: 8-DMT-644 through 8-DMT-646, 9-DMT-133 through 9-DMT-621

Vancenase nasal inhaler manufactured by Schering/Key

Lot numbers: 8-RRG-113 through 8-RRG-121, 9-RRG101 through 9-RRG-119

and
9-AMA-100

For questions or concerns, contact the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital pharmacy or call 653-3201 or 653-3211.

Team Nellis Achieves 108% of Air Force Assistance Fund Goal

**By Senior Master Sgt. Paul Sikora
2000 AFAF Project Officer**

The 2000 Air Force Assistance Fund drew to a close, with Nellis achieving 108% of their goal.

All totaled, Nellis units contributed more than \$64,000, over \$10,000 more than last year's drive.

Air Force Village received \$5,558.50, Air Force Aid Society \$47,813.29, Air Force Enlisted Widows Home \$6,993.50 and the Lemay Foundation 3,852.50 in charitable contributions.

"I am extremely impressed with the generosity our base showed this year," said Col. Andrew Dichter, 99th Air Base Wing commander.

"The 57th Wing, 99th ABW and our tenant units truly came together to make this happen. It proves our strong commitment to caring for our people, and I've never been prouder," he continued.

Nellis Living

Bowling Center 652-2160

Sign up now to get into the Bowling Center's summer leagues. No experience necessary to have fun bowling this summer. Call the center for more information.

Chapel 652-2950

Weekly Schedule:

Catholic worship

Mass: Monday through Friday: 11:30 a.m.
Saturday: Reconciliation, 4:30 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.
Sunday: Mass, 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Protestant worship

Sunday: Gospel service: 8 a.m. Traditional service: 11:15 a.m.

Classes/activities

Catholic Religious Education Classes for age 3 through 12th grade each Sunday from 8:20 to 9:30 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. A Sacramental Class is offered Sundays from 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.

Adult RCIA: Adults who want to learn more about the Roman Catholic faith, come to RCIA Sundays at 1:45 p.m. in the Chapel annex.

Protestant Religious Education Classes (18 months-adult) Sundays from 9:35 to 10:50 a.m.

A Family Life Conference on Marriage will be held at the Alexis Park Resort May 5 through 7. This weekend is for couples who are about to marry or have been married for years. Stop by the Chapel for more information or call 598-5367.

Men of the Chapel meet every first and third Tuesday in the Chapel basement from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free lunch is provided.

Singles meet 6 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays at the Chapel Annex. For more

information, call 652-2950.

Officers' Christian Fellowship is studying 1st Thessalonians at home meetings. For more information on Sunday night meetings, call 643-5739 or for Monday night meetings, call 869-9559.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel (grades 7 through 12) meet Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel meet noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and are studying Desiring God's Own Heart. For more information, call 432-3849 or 453-3284.

Widows in the Neighborhood has a weekly Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Monthly activities include lunches, local tours, or attending performances. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.



Lenten and Easter Chapel Schedule

Catholic

Good Friday

7 p.m.

Easter Vigil

Saturday at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday

9:45 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Protestant

Good Friday

5 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service

5:56 a.m.

(Air Warfare Center Flag Pole)

Breakfast follows in

Chapel basement

Easter Contemporary

Gospel

8 a.m.

Easter General Protestant

11:15 a.m.

Family Support Center 652-3327

Investment series

Lunch and Learn Investment Series: Learn about the foundations of investing, different types of investments and diversifying investments. Attend any or all three investment classes May 5, 19 and June 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The first class will be investment 101-Introduction to Investing.

Military child month

April is the Month of the Military Child. There will be a short volksmarch Saturday with scavenger hunt, balloons and prizes. For more information, call 653-3380.

Predeployment brief

Held every Monday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 2 p.m., this briefing is designed to help members of the Nellis Community prepare for TDYs, deployments and remote assignments.

Parenting class

Parent University is sponsoring a class on parenting. Officers from the Metro Gang Unit will also present information on gang awareness. The class is Monday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 653-3380.

Prepare for teaching

Teaching as a Second Career: Representatives from Clark County School District will present an overview on how to prepare for a career in teaching. Spouses interested in obtaining Nevada teaching credentials are encouraged to attend Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Job Fair

The Family Support Center is hosting a Job Fair May 3 from 9 a.m. to noon. Representatives from local and out-of-state agencies will speak about employment opportunities with their company. Bring resumes,

portfolios and necessary papers to complete an application.

HAWC 653-3376

Cancer prevention

Learn various tips on preventive screenings and general information on women's health issues. This session is open to men and women. Session runs from 1 to 2 p.m. today. This is worth 50 points toward the Commander's Wellness Cup competition.

Back to health

A back to health education class is offered every third Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. Class is limited so sign up by calling the HAWC.

PACE

This class is designed to sustain and improve joint mobility, tone muscles, improve posture and relaxation through gentle, voluntary exercise in a fun group setting. Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. in the HAWC classroom.

TGIF

"The goal is fitness fun" run/walk is every Friday through June 9. All participants will receive 10 points toward the Commander's Wellness Cup Competition. Individuals may start the run/walk before 7 a.m. Sign in after completing the 5K run/walk. TGIF will start at Runner's World by Freedom Park. For more information on the route, contact the HAWC.

Web page

Check for all HAWC program information at:
www.nellis.af.mil/units/99MDSS/HAWC.htm

Wellness cup

The 2000 Commander's Wellness Cup Competition continues. The competition encourages healthy life-style choices. The

competition runs through June 9.

Tobacco Cessation

The tobacco cessation correspondence course is designed to help individuals who can not attend the regularly scheduled classes at the HAWC.

For more information, contact the HAWC or the web site www.nellis.af.mil/units/99MDSS/Tobacco_Cessation.htm.

Mike O'Callaghan 653-3508

Sibling class

Sibling class will be offered monthly to children 3 years and up who are expecting a new brother or sister. Classes are scheduled for , May 20, June 17 and July 15 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Prepared childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes are monthly for first time parents. Classes are May 2, June 6 and July 3. For more information, call the hospital.

Ticket and Tours 652-2192

Indy racing tickets

Show your military identification at Las Vegas Motor Speedway's ticket booth Saturday for the Indy Racing League/Smash Mouth Tour/Winston West race and get an adult ticket for \$30 and a child's ticket for \$20. The first race starts at 12:30 p.m. The Smash Mouth concert starts at 3:30 p.m., and the Orleans 150 stock car race begins at 4:45 p.m.

The 'Price is Right'

May 23 is your day to be the next contestant on *The Price is Right*. Cost is \$55 per person or \$70 for bus ride and admission. Reservations are limited to the first 24 people who sign up.



Nellis News

Chief Master Sergeant positions

The Air Force Personnel Center Chiefs Group is seeking volunteers for the command chief master sergeant positions at: 21st Space Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., reporting no later than May 31; 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., reporting no later than May 25; and 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., reporting no later than July 1.

Head Quarters Air Education and Training Command is seeking volunteers for the Tyndall NCO Academy Commandant position, reporting no later than June 26. Contact your Military Personnel Flight Customer Service section at 652-9073/9459 for more information.

Collection of social security numbers

Congress has authorized the Department of Defense to re-

quire mandatory disclosure of social security numbers of all beneficiaries of Uniformed Services' health care system. For more information, call 652-9073.

Joys of parenting

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Military Child, Family Advocacy Outreach and Prevention holds its second annual Parent University Monday from

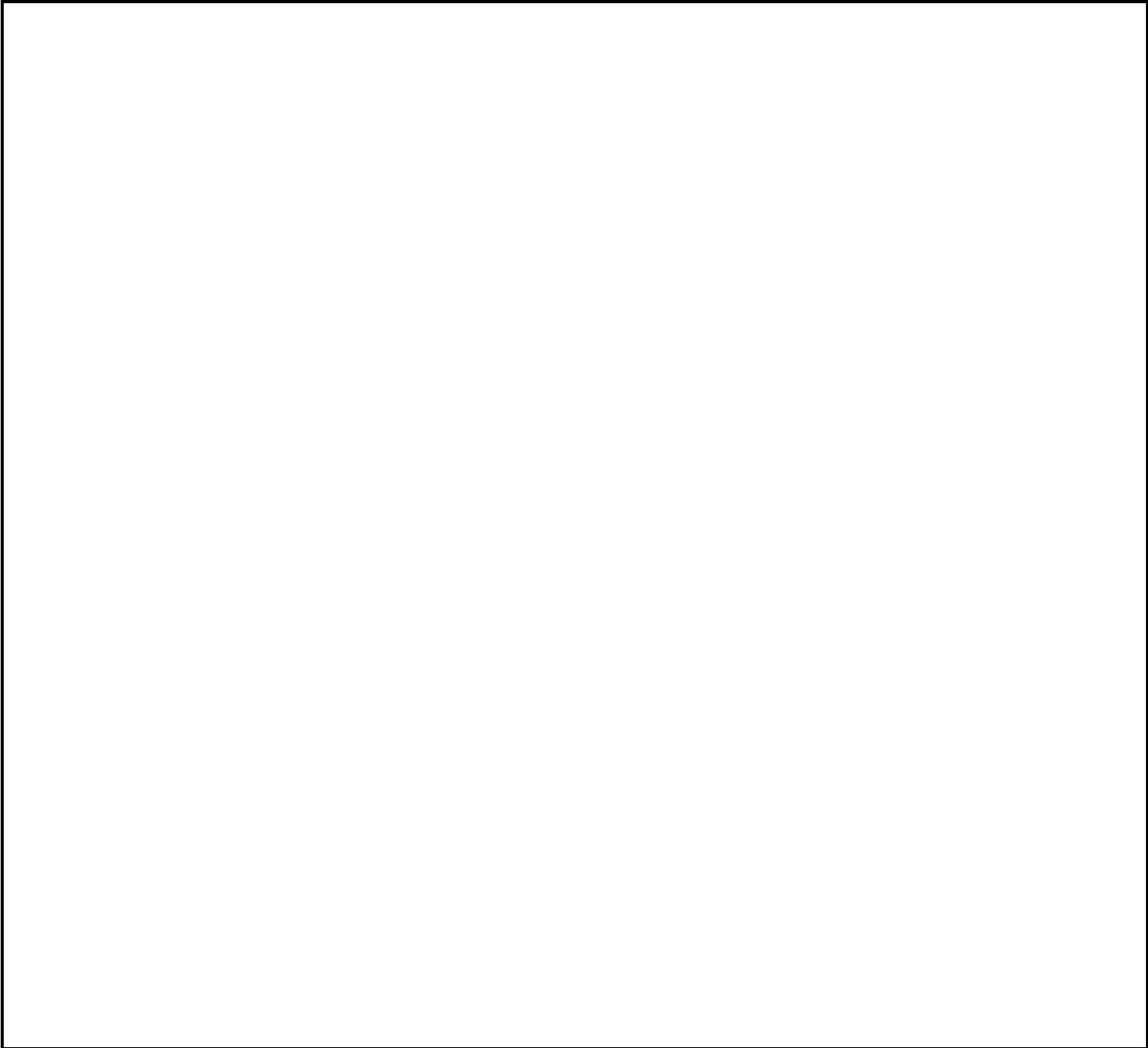
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chapel annex.

To request a registration form, call Paula Tracy at 653-3380 or Donna Graffagnino at 653-3379.

Palace Chase Air Force Reserve briefing

The Palace Chase Air Force Reserve briefing will be Wednesday, in Bldg. 20, room

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202 Military Personnel Flight, at 2 p.m. Those whose date of separation is more than a year from now, and you are interested in separating early, should attend this briefing. For more information, call 652-9073.

FECA training sessions

Mr. Michael Labriola, Department of Defense Injury Compensation Liaison Office, has volunteered to provide a training presentation to Nellis employees on the Federal Employees' Compensation Act. Topics to be addressed include workman's compensation and responsibilities of injured workers and supervisors. There will be two training sessions May 2 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Supervisors desiring to attend one of these training sessions should contact Ms. Doris Lee at 652-5590 or Ms. Hilda Hope at 652-5204.

CCAF graduation

The Education Center combined with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University will hold its Spring Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony 3 p.m. May 4 at the Enlisted Club. Everyone is invited to attend. Graduates should report to the club at 2 p.m. for rehearsal prior to the ceremony.

Yellowstone lodging

Military, Department of Defense civilians and families can take advantage of economical top quality lodging near Yellowstone Park for only \$55 per night.

For more information and dates of availability call Mountain Home Air Force Base at 208-828-6333, Tuesdays through Fridays.

Blood Drive

The Blood Drive is Thursday from 7:40 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. at the Outdoor Recreation Center. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Capt. Debbie Anderson at debbie.anderson@nellis.af.mil.

